

## *The Two Counts of Sicily*

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1 hike, Roger wan no *persona grata* at  
Rome and  
showed none uf the tractable nature of  
the dead  
William. At all limes the union of all the  
llaute-  
ville lamb; would have caused  
apprehension, and  
now the prospect presented il.se! f of  
the. vigorous  
and self-willed Sicilian forming in the  
«outh a  
kingdom wit )u tut the name. Against  
the union  
of half of Italy, Rome was sure to fight,  
for such  
was the Pupal tradition. To the Curia  
the Nor-  
mans had been desirable- as a sword  
which could  
idwiiyti IK\* drawn nt need against the  
Emperor  
or the lot'id dc-npotn, Such n purpose,  
the hope of  
Melfi itnd CVprimo, wn« bent to be  
maintained by a  
balance of the chief Norman suites, the  
Papacy  
holding the .ncalru lK«tw»en Capua,  
Apulia, and  
Sicily, tht\* communal spirit bring  
encouraged a« a  
set-off to the fcutiil, and the feudal  
class itself  
supplying tht\* fighting men of the Papal  
service,  
HoiwriuH IL constituted himself the  
chumpion of  
fcudfil privslrge unci Itieal liberty in  
thti whole  
land twuth of the (UirigHafiu. In the late  
Httmmer  
of 1 07, the Popr ciimt\* «cmth to  
Uenevt'nto, where  
it pro-Nurmun j«irty contested a  
eomnmna! party j  
there he forbmle Ut\*g«\*r under pain of

interdict to  
iiiime the title of Duke of Apulia, Tht\*  
Count  
marched im'thcr, but could neither  
secure an  
interview with Huttonuu\* nor win him  
over by

With tht\* drraion thut Richard and  
Humfrey  
hud shown Inborn tlvtiilr, Roger next  
reKolvetl  
on war with tht\* I'apitey. Hit\*  
ativuncv-guard